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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an
2 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to
3 handle heavy steel; and
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5 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is
6 considered to be one of the most dangerous jobs in the United
7 States, in part because workers must often install and erect
8 steel structures hundreds of feet above the ground; and
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10 WHEREAS, worker and public safety are put in jeopardy when
11 a contractor employs unqualified workers to install and erect
12 structural steel because unsatisfactory work could lead to a
13 building collapse; and
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15 WHEREAS, current contractor license requirements are
16 insufficient to ensure the safety of workers who install and
17 erect structural steel; and
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19 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the
20 Contractor License Board purview that critically involve the
21 specialty expertise of a structural engineer, namely, C-38 post
22 tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, and
23 C-56 welding; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect the thirteen
26 volunteers who comprise the Contractors License Board, none of
27 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural
28 steel, to be fully apprised of the very specific requirements of
29 installing and erecting of structural steel; and
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31 WHEREAS, these four license classifications should be
32 transferred to the jurisdiction of a to be created structural
33 license board to ensure that workers installing and erecting



1 steel structures possess the necessary experience and
2 qualifications; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's
5 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty
6 license boards, namely, the Electrician and Plumbers License
7 Board; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
11 that the Auditor is requested to prepare a report that makes
12 recommendations for the creation of a structural license board
13 modeled after the Board of Electricians and Plumbers; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
16 consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron
17 Workers Stabilization Fund, the Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local
18 625, the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the
19 Contractors License Board, the Electrician and Plumbers License
20 Board, the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and
21 companies that hold licenses for C-38 post tensioning, C-41
22 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, or C-56 welding; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
25 include the following in the report:
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- 27 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a
28 structural license board;
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- 30 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice
31 of issuing licenses for the:
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 - 33 (A) C-38 post tensioning;
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 - 35 (B) C-41 reinforcing steel;
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 - 37 (C) C-48 structural steel; and
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 - 39 (D) C-56 welding license classifications;
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- 41 (3) A recommendation on licensure fees, including the
42 possibility of increased amounts above any currently



1 paid by individuals for a C-38, C-41, C-48, or C-56
2 license, if any;

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4 (4) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in
5 making its findings and recommendations in the report;

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7 (5) The testimony of all stakeholders that participated in
8 the process and justifications for why recommendations
9 of stakeholders were included or excluded in the final
10 recommendations;

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12 (6) An estimate of the cost to create a structural license
13 board; and

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15 (7) Any proposed legislation; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
18 transmit a draft report, including any recommendations for
19 amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other
20 chapters, if any, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later
21 than November 1, 2015, which in turn is requested to assist in
22 drafting any proposed legislation; and
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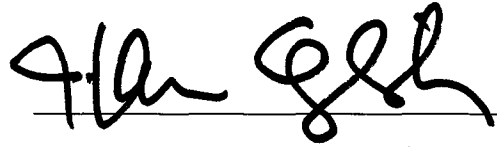
24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
25 submit a final report, including any recommendations for
26 amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other
27 chapters, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
32 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Auditor, the Director of the
33 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of
34 Electricians and Plumbers, the Chairperson of the Contractors
35 License Board, the Director of the Hawaii Iron Workers
36 Stabilization Fund, the Business Manager of the Iron Workers
37 Union Local 625, the President of the Hawaii Building and



1 Construction Trades Council, and the President of the Structural
2 Engineers Association of Hawaii.

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